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Washington's .....Leap

HISTORY relates many interesting events in the life of the Father of his country. In 1775 there lived in a Virginia town a rich and eccentric old farmer whose daughter was the loveliest maiden in all the locality. The beautiful Annette was 18 years of age and had many suitors for her hand and heart. On her nineteenth birthday the old man invited all the youth of the village to a grand haymaking frolic.

"Now, my lads," said the old man, after the banquet was some time over, "I've got something to say to you. It seems that a good many of you have been casting sheep's eye on my Annette. Now, boys, I don't care anything about money or talents, book larning or soldier larning. I can do as well by my girl as any man in the country, but I want her to marry a man of my own goit. I got my old woman by beating the smartest man on the Eastern Store. Now, listen. I've taken an oath that no man shall marry my daughter without jumping for it. There you are boys; yonder's the green, and here's Annette. The one who jumps farthest on a dead level shall marry her this very evening."

This peculiar address was received with great applause, and more than one youth, as he bounded away for the arena of trial, cast a glance of anticipated victory upon the lovely prize as she stood blushing beside her father.

Soon all was in readiness. The signal was given, and the young competitors stripped off their coats.

"Edward Grayson, 17 feet!" cried one of the judges. The youth had done his utmost, but it was clear that he had little hope.

"Dick Boulden, 19 feet!" Dick, with a little laugh of satisfaction, replaced his coat and joined the onlookers.

"Harry Preston, 19 feet 3 inches!"

"Well done, Harry!" shouted the spectators. "You tried hard for the acres and the homestead."

"Charlie Simms, 15½ feet!"

He turned away crestfallen. It was clear he had no chance to win the fair prize. Then came Henry Carroll—handsome, athletic and confident. He cast a swift glance at his sweetheart and at the villagers, and hen, with a gleam of triumph in his eye, he bounded forward.

"Twenty one feet and a half. A magnificant leap!" cried the judge. "Horray for Harry Carroll!"

Hands, hats and handkerchiefs were waved wildly by the delighted villagers, and the eyes of the happy Annette sparkled with joy.

Now, just before Harry had leaped a stranger had entered the throng unperceived. He was a tall, gentlemanly young man in a military undress frock coat, who had at that moment arrived on horseback before the inn. He was just in time to witness Carroll's great leap.

The man's handsome face and easy address at once attracted the eyes of the maidens, while his manly and sinewy frame, in which were happily united symmetry and strength, called forth the admiration of the young men.

"Mayhap, sir stranger, you think you can beat that," said Charlie Simms, remarking the manner in which the new comer scanned the arena, "If you can outleap Harry Carroll, you can beat the best man in the colinies."

Is it for amusement you are pursuing this pastime?" inquired the youthful stranger, or is there a prize for the winner?"

"The sweetest prize man ever strove for," answered the judges. "Yonder she stands."

The stranger cast a respectful glance at the blushing maiden, and his eyes looked admiration.

"Are the lists open to all?" he asked.

"All, young sir," replied Annette's father with interest. "If you will try, you are free to do so. Here is my daughter, sir; look at her and decide."

With a smile the newcomer threw off his coat, drew his sash tighter around his waist and stepped forward. All hearts stood still as the young man bounded forward.

"Twenty-two feet and an inch!" The judge's words were received with murmurs of surprise and wonder. Not without a feeling of pity for poor Harry all crowded round the new victor, offering him their congratulations. Resuming his coat, the stranger sought with his eye the fair prize he had although nameless and unknown, so fairly won. She leaned upon her father's arm, pale and distressed.

Poor Harry Carroll stood aloof, gloomy and mortified, admiring the stranger for his ability, but hating him for his success.

"Annette, my pretty prize," said the victor, taking her passive hand, "I have won you fairly, but I think there is a favored youth among the competitors who has a higher claim than mine. Young Sir," he continued, turning to the surprised Harry, "methinks you were the victor in the lists before me, and as such, with the permission of this worthy assembly, you receive from my hands the prize you have so well and honorably won."

The youth sprang forward and grasped the stranger's hand with gratitude, and the next moment Annette was weeping from pure joy upon his breast. The place rang with acclamations of the delighted people, and amid the excitement the newcomer withdrew, remounting his horse, and rode briskly out of the village.

That night Harry and Annette were married. Several years later Henry Carroll became Colonel Henry Carroll. One evening the colonel was sitting on the piazza of his handsome country house, when a courier rode up and announced the approach of General Washington and suit, who would crave the colonel's hospitality for the night.

That evening at the table Annette, now the dignified, matronly and still handsome Mrs. Carroll, could not keep her eyes from the illustrious visitor. "I suspect, colonel," said the the general, "that Mrs. Carroll thinks she recognizes in me an old acquaintance, but I have become, by dint of camp fare and hard usage, too unwieldy to leap again 22 feet 1 inch, even for so fair a bride as one I wot of."

George Washington was indeed the handsome young athlete whose mysterious appearance and disappearance in the native village of the lovers is still traditionary.

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WASHINGTON'S WORDS.

The politics of the nation have gone so far from what they were in Washington's era that his thoughts in general have little application to these times. In his farewell address, however, on stepping down from the presidency, he spoke as a patriot and statesman, and his words may be classed with those self evident truths that cannot become stale or useless. On the subject of permanent union as a means of preserving liberty he said:

"The unity of government, which constitutes you one people, is also now dear to you. It is justly so, for it is a main pillar in the edifice of your real independence; the support of your tranquillity at home, your peace abroad; of your safety; of your prosperity; of that very liberty which you so highly prize. But, as it is easy to foresee that, from different causes and from different quarters, much pains will be taken, many artifices employed, to weaken in your minds the conviction of this truth, as this is the point in your political fortress against which the batteries of internal and external enemies will be most constantly and actively (though often covertly and insidiously) directed, it is of infinite moment that you should properly estimate the immense value of your national union to your collective and individual happiness; that you should cherish a cordial, habitual and immovable attachment to it, accustoming yourselves to think and speak of it, as of the palladium of your political safety and prosperity, watching for its preservation with jealous anxiety, discountenancing whatever may suggest even a suspicion that it can, in any event, be abandoned, and indignantly frowning upon the first dawning of every attempt to alienate any portion of our country from the rest, or to enfeeble the sacred ties which now link together the various parts."

Touching foreign relations, a question of great importance to the young and struggling nation, he spoke with unusual boldness and vigor. In a broad sense he urged the maintenance of good faith and justice toward all and the cultivation of peace and harmony, and then, descending to particulars, spoke as follows:

"In the execution of such a plan nothing is more essential than that permanent, inveterate antipathies against particular nations and passionate attachments for others should be excluded, and that, in place of them, just and amicable feelings towards all should be cultivated. The nation which indulges toward another habitual hatred or a habitual fondness is in some degree a slave. It is a slave to its animosity or to its affection, either of which is sufficient to lead it astray from its duty and its interest. Antipathy in one nation against another disposes each more readily to offer insult and injury, to lay hold of slight causes of umbrage and to be haughty and intractable when accidental or trifling occasions of dispute occur; hence frequent collisions, obstinate, envenomed and bloody contests. The nation, prompted by ill will and resentment, sometimes impels war to the government, contrary to the best calculations of policy. The government sometimes participates in the national propensity and adopts through passion what reason would reject; at other times it makes the animosity of the nation subservient to projects of hostility instigated by pride, ambition and other sinister and pernicious motives. The peace often sometimes perhaps the liberty, of nations has been the victim.

"So, likewise, a passionate attachment of one nation for another produces variety of evils, Sympathy for the favorite nations, facilitating the illusion of an imaginary common interests in cases where no real common interests exists, and infusing into one the enmities of the other, betrays the former into a participation in the quarrels and wars of the latter, without adequate inducement or justification."

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Washington .....Letter

SENATOR QUAY has been jollied no little by his friends, and that includes about everybody in Congress, since his candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination was announced, but no man in either branch of Congress could take it more good-naturedly than he does. The other candidates for the nomination in the Senate, have all had a crack at him, and Speaker Reed has also had his say. Whether Mr. Quay's candidacy is to be merely of a complimentary nature only time can tell, but there is no doubt that he would make a President who would please most Republicans. It is very well known to all who are on confidential terms with Mr. Quay, that he doesn't wish to be President, but he is human, and the man who would refuse a nomination to the Presidency is not yet born, especially when, as will be the case this year, the nomination will be equivalent to election.

The situation of the House tariff bill is an unsolvable puzzle at this writing. Had the four Republican Senators who voted against taking it up several days ago voted with the party, it might have been passed by the Senate by this time, but as they didn't it is still hanging in a dangerous position. It is not very clear what those four senators are driving at. Had they wished to make it impossible for the bill to become a law, they would have voted to take up the bill, and then voted for the freecoinage substitute, which would have sent the bill to certain death in the House, where the free coinage substitute for the House band bill had just been killed by such overwhelming majority. The only explanation they have given of their action was to say that they were opposed to taking the bill up and making it the "unfinished business" of the Senate without any previous notice of such an intention having been given. Republicans outside of the Senate had supposed that when the Republican senatorial caucus decided that the bill should be supported without amendment it was assured of a solid Republican vote.

General Groner, of Va., doesn't take as hopeful a view of the Republicans chances of carrying the old dominion as some of the other prominent Republicans of that state who occasionally visit Washington do. Speaking of the outlook, Gen. Groner said: "What is he use of talking about it. The Democrats will count themselves in, no matter what majority has been polled against them. On a square count the state is Republican by 50,000, but with all the election machinery in their hands they can get any returns they want." He added that he saw nothing to indicate that a legislature could be elected that will amend the election law in a way that will prevent dishonesty in manipulating the votes.

There seems to be a misapprehension as to the Republican birthday celebration on the 22nd inst., which was started by the Union Republican Club of Washington, and has been pushed along as a good thing by the National officials of the League of Republican Clubs, to judge by publications in Washington and elsewhere. It has been pointed out by numerous gentlemen, and may be by some ladies, too, that the Republican party is more than 40 years old. That there were local organizations of Republicans in several states more than forty years ago was well known to those who first proposed this celebration of the fortieth birthday of the party. But its birthday as a National organization was at the National Convention, held at Pittsburg, Feb. 22nd and 23rd, 1856, which nominated John C. Fremont for President and launched the Republican party, which four years later elected Lincoln President, as a National organization. That is the birthday that is going to be celebrated. It is worthy of mention that two of the few surviving delegates to the first convention of the party, Hon. A. M. Clapp, who was delegate from New York, and Hon. Lewis Clephane, who was a delegate from the district of Columbia, are now honored members of the Union Republican Club of Washington and will take part in the celebration of the fortieth birthday. May they and the party live to enjoy many more.

The adage, "Give a dog a bad name," etc., is recalled by the experience of Representative Howard, of Ala., who wrote a scandalous book before the populists elected him to the house. He has been almost completely ostracised by members of the House ever since he took his seat, and several days ago when he was carried out of the House very ill, everbody declared "Howard is drunk," and, notwithstanding the statement of his physician to the contrary, many people continue to believe that he was drunk.

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STRANGE CONTRASTS IN ROME.

All Sorts and Conditions of Men Jostle One Another In the Streets.

Perhaps it is true that the impressions which Rome makes upon a thoughtful man vary more according to the wind and the time of day than those he feels in other cities. Perhaps, too, there is no capital in all the world which has such contrasts to show within a mile of each other—one might almost say within a dozen steps.

One of the most crowded thoroughfares of Rome, for instance, is the Via del Tritone, which is the only passage between the Pincian and the Quirinal hills, from the region of Piazza Colonna toward the railway station and the new quarter. During the busy hours of the day a carriage can rarely move through its narrower portions any faster than at a foot pace, and the insufficient pavements are thronged with pedestrians. In a measure, the Tritone of Rome corresponds to Galata bridge in Constantinople. In the course of a week most of the population of the city must have passed at least once through the crowded little street, which somehow in the rain of millions that lasted for two years did not manage to attract to itself even the little sum which would have sufficed to widen it by a few yards. It is as though the contents of Rome were daily drawn through a keyhole. In the Tritone are to be seen daily magnificent equipages, jammed in the string, between milk carts, omnibuses and dustmen's barrows, preceded by butchers' vans and followed by miserable cabs, smart dogcarts and high wheeled country vehicles driven by rough, booted men wearing green lined cloaks and looking like strange bandits. Even saddle horses are sometimes led that way, to save time, and on each side flow two streams of human beings of every type to be found between Porta Angelica and Porta San Giovanni.

A prince of the holy Roman empire pushes past a troop of dirty school children and is almost driven into an open barrel of salt codfish in the door of a poor shop by a black faced charcoal man carrying a sack on his head more than half as high as himself. A party of jolly young German tourists in loose clothes, with red books in their hands and their fieldglasses hanging by straps across their shoulders, try to rid themselves of the flower girls dressed in sham Sabine costumes and utter exclamations of astonishment and admiration when they themselves are almost run down by a couple of the giant Roal grenadiers, each 6 feet 5 or thereabout, besides nine inches or so of crested helmet aloft, gorgeous, gigantic and spotless.

Clerks by the dozen and liveried messengers of the ministries struggle in the press; ladies gather their skirts closely and try to pick a dainty way where, indeed, there is nothing "dain" (a word which Dr. Johnson confesses that he could not find in any dictionary, but which he thinks might be very useful); servant girls, smart children with nurses and hoops going up to the Pincio; black browed washerwomen, with big baskets of clothes on their heads; stumpy little infantry soldiers in gray uniforms; priests, friars, venders of boot laces and thread, vegetable sellers pushing handcarts of green things in and out among the horses and vehicles with amazing dexterity and yelling their cries in superhumanly high voices—there is no end to the multitude.

If the day is showery, it is a sight to see the confusion in the Tritone when umbrellas of every age, material and color are all opened at once, while the people who have none crowd into the codfish shop, and the liquor seller's, and the tobacconist's, with the traditional coin permesso of excuse or entering when they do not mean to buy anything, for the Romans are mostly civil people and fairly good natured. But, rain or shine, at the busy hours the place is always crowded to overflowing with every description of vehicle and every type of humanity.—Marion Crawford in Century.

A Typical English Joke.

A young woman stepped into the witness box at the Southwestern police court and began to tell the magistrate that she had run away from home.

Mr. Plowden (interrupting)—And you want my advice?

Applicant—If you please, sir.

Mr. Plowden—You ran away from home?

Applicant (expectantly)—Yes, sir.

Mr. Plowden (dryly)—Run back again.

Amid the laughter of the court the fugitive hurriedly left.—London Globe.

Estimating Odds.

"The saloon," said the Prohibitionist boarder, "kills more men every year than war."

"Why shouldn't it?" asked the cheerful idiot. "It gets better action, so to speak. In battle only 1 ball out of every 85 takes effect."—Indianapolis Journal.

CATS AND DOGS.

The Moods, Tempers and Natures of the Canines and Felines.

Cats do not take punishment as dogs do. Their tempers rise, and if struck they are apt to strike back, but beyond a gentle cuff to a kitten now and then I find a scolding or an exclamation of rebuke enough. They are also less intelligent and forgiving than a dog if unintentionally kicked or trodden on. There is no more beautiful expression in a dog's face than the look he turns to the friend who has involuntarily hurt him before there is time to explain. His whole demeanor expresses the highest magnanimity, not only the foregone pardon, but the eager desire that the offender shall think no more of the matter.

In many respects cats are more like men and women than dogs are. They have moods, and their nature is complex. A dog is very much of a piece. He is a good dog or a bad dog, brave or cowardly, honest or a sneak. The canine intelligence is much higher than the feline, but the disposition is simpler.

Cats are exceedingly irritable by temperament, sensitive to changes of the weather, to frost, to thunder. They are excitable and naturally disposed to bite and scratch when at play. There is a curious tendency in them, as in ill balanced or overstrung human beings, to lose their heads when in high spirits, and the self command most of them show when full grown in resisting these impulses is a striking proof of conscious responsibility. A full grown pet cat scarcely ever scratches a young child, no matter how much mauled by it. Besides being irritable they are moody and subject to depression, probably a physical reaction from the former condition. Princess, though not a sullen cat, would sometimes forsake the hearth or veranda and pass days by herself on a garden wall or under a bush, not ill or out of temper, but out of spirits, morbid and wishing for solitude instead of the sympathy which she always sought in her real ailments and bereavements.

Her peculiarities, both of race and individuality, were remarkably defined, even when she held them in restraint; but, with one exception, all the cats I have known are captious. Their instinct when ill or sad is to be alone, but this is entirely neutralized by petting. They become as dependent on caresses and sympathy as children and much wiser than children when they are ill or injured, as they apply for relief with the most unmistakable suggestions, sometimes indicating plainly where they are in pain and presenting the suffering member for treatment. They are not so patient as dogs in taking medicine or submitting to surgical care, but show their recognition of its benefit by coming back for it under similar circumstances.—Temple Bar.

A Bit of Human Nature.

A crutch supported him as he stood on the rear platform of a street car. His cheeks were hollow, and a hacking cough escaped him at times. Just in front stood a hale young fellow smoking. The fumes seemed to aggravate the cough. Finally the invalid nudged the offender and grumbled:

"Young man, you oughtn't to smoke."

The young man puffed violently and then retorted, "Whose business is it anyway—yours or mine?"

There was no response, but a feeble "hack, hack!" from the sufferer. Once again it sounded, and then the smoker wheeled about. "Oh, I beg pardon!" as he surveyed for the first time his invalid fellow passenger. "Certainly!" and he threw the cigarette into the street."

For a dozen blocks the car jingled on in silence; then the whilom smoker swung off. As he started for the curb the invalid peered out and shouted in conciliatory voice, "Good night, young man!"

"Good night, pop!" was the cheery response, and the "hack, hack!" was lost in the darkness.—New York Mail and Express.

Why the Editor Was Ill.

"If anybody inquires for me," said the editor feebly, "you can say I have gone into the hospital."

After he had tottered out of the office they looked on his desk and saw that he had just opened a letter from "Old Subscriber" containing these questions:

"Which is correct, 'Tomorrow is Friday,' or 'Tomorrow will be Friday?'

"What were the causes that led to the Franco-Prussian war?

"Will you please give in as brief outline as possible a history of government by cabinets up to the present date?"—Pearson's Weekly.

The Shortest.

The bard of the Visalia Delta says the following is the shortest poem in the English language:

Gladys
Sad is.

To which we reply:

Oh,
No.

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TO ADVERTISERS.

In justice to ourselves and to you we wish to state that the circulation of the TRANSCRIPT is over 1,200 copies weekly and has been for the past five months. We believe this to be at least 25 per cent. greater than any other country weekly in the county. This statement is made merely to correct an erroneous impression which obtains in certain quarters.

GEORGE WASHINGTON:

"First in peace, first in war, and first in the hearts of his countrymen," is as true to-day as it was the first time it was spoken of George Washington, the First President of the United States. This country has undoubtedly produced greater men, abler soldiers, wiser statesmen, but Washington at a critical time in the world's history as well as in the history of this country, measured up to the heroic standard; a man who saw his duty and did it; a man who in forgetting self to serve his country gained a name and a fame second to none in the history of the world.

Upon this anniversary of his birth it is well to consider his character, to study his life, to learn lessons from his example. As a boy he was not only truthful and manly, as attested by the cherry tree story which we heard and believed in childhood and which we always expect to believe, but he was an athlete, as a clipping on our first page shows. If he lived to-day he would be foremost in the college sports and would excel in a bicycle race. And why not? It is not the use but the abuse of these manly sports that wreck so many lives. There is danger in excess. More people die from excessive eating, acting he glutton; than from drinking, yet that is no argument for taking a little stimulent "for the stomach's sake" or any other sake. Washington was temperate, and in that was his safety.

Washington always played fair. He despised meaness. It is a question whether he could be elected President of the United States were he alive to-day the same in character and without the influence of his fame. There is so much of the unfair in these latter days that Washington's high sense of honor must needs condemn it, and the "boys" would be against him. Washington was not without his failings and he had his secret enemies as well as open ones during his life. The Washingtons of to-day, and there are more of them than people think, can with Henry Clay say, "I had rather be right than be President." It pays to do the right.

The school children of to-day may well study the life and character of Washington; to compare and contrast them with the lives of other great men; to draw useful lesson from them. What does this holiday mean? Why should the birthday of George Washington be celebrated, the only national celebration of a birthday in all our anniversaries? An answer to this question should be given in every household where there are children to learn lessons of patriotism and of duty.

THE Populist Party promised when it set out to lay out the Democratic Party. In 1892 it joined hands with Democracy, in some places, to defeat the Republicans and to elect Cleveland. As a result the country has had Waite, Altgeld,, Enforced Idleness Poverty and the rest of "them fellers." Of the President the Knoxville (Ia.) Educator says.:

"Grover keeps 29 police to guard his precious carcass and no other president ever had more than four. But none of them were ever so valuable as he—to the goldbugs."

Evidently Mr Clevelandis not so popular with them as he was four years ago, and in some places the Populists have about swallowed up the Democracy. The Populist Party has more votes to its credit than has the Democratic in the following states (Batter while you can desert the sinking ship):

Arizona.
Colorado.
Idaho.
Kansas.
Montana.
Minnesota.
North Dakota.
Nebraska.
Nevada.
Oklahoma.
Oregon.
South Dakota.
Washington.
Wyoming.

THE citizens of Delaware are greatly indebted to the Philadelphia *Inquirer* for its unique and complete exposure of the condition of affairs at Farnhurst. A jury has heard and passed upon the evidence and the consensus of opinion is that the verdict is a just one. There are those who believe that the chief offender, the leader and instigator in all cruelty, has escaped because in this particular case the courts considered he did not get his hand in. The TRANSCRIPT with many others did not give credit to the reports at the time the *Inquirer* made its exposure, but it is evident that there has been cause for complaint serious cause and a thorough investigation has been much better than an attempt to hush up the matter and to white wash as is too often done. The Trustees gave their cordial support to the investigation and now they should watch the more closely to see that discipline, the discipline that is absolutely necessary in an institution of that kind, is neither too severe nor too lax.

WITH THE SENATORS.

In the claim of Col. Henry A. du Pont for a seat in the United States Senate as a representative from Delaware, the reports of the Committee, for and against his admission, have been submitted with the affidavits, the precedents, the daily proceedings from the legislative journals, etc, and the case is now in the hands of the Senators. It is a matter of regret that the committee divided in their opinions on party lines, and the only explanation that is worthy and reasonable is that the case admits of doubt and each man has given his party the benefit of that doubt. There are now in the Senate 44 Republicans, 39 Democrats, and 6 Populists, 89 in all. In a full vote it will take all the Republicans and one additional to seat Col. duPont. If Col. duPont is seated the Republicans will have one-half the membership of the Senate, 45, and the Democrats and Populists together 45 with Vice President Stevenson to give the casting vote. The case of Col. duPont may now be called up at any time and it is believed that he will be seated, receiving Populist votes and possibly or one more Democratic votes.

To our mind we cannot understand how it can be otherwise than that Col. duPont shall be seated. There is no precedent of a State Senator ever having undertaken to fill the office of Governor and State Senator at the same time, and the reasonings and conclusions of the majority report are so convincing, while the minority report must be acknowledged by all to be very weak.

The majority and the minority reports of the Committee on Privileges and Elections in the case of Col. du Pont are printed in the "Congressional Record" of Tuesday and cover thirty-four pages. It would be impossible to reproduce in the TRANSCRIPT that report, but we can give the "conclusions" as drawn by the committee and upon those we believe every intelligent Delawarean can make up his mind as to the justness and fairness of Col. duPont's election. The majority report says:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND FACT.

1. It is a well-settled rule of the common law that the same person shall not exercise simultaneously two incompatible offices; and further, the acceptance of one is ipso facto a resignation of the other.

"2. Under the American system executive and legislative offices are incompatible, and the same person cannot exercise both simultaneously in the absence of either express or clearly implied statutory or constitutional authority, and the acceptance of the second is ipso facto a resignation of the first.

"3. There is no express or implied authority in the Constitution of the State of Delaware for the simultaneous exercise by the same person of the offices of Governor and Senator; on the contrary, such Constitution expressly interdicts such exercise of those two offices.

"4. Whether or not the offices of State Senator and Speaker of the Senate became absolutely vacant when Speaker Watson took the oath of office, was inaugurated Governor of the State, and entered upon the exercise of that office, there can be no doubt of a fair construction of the several constitutional provisions of the State of Delaware, that his right to exercise the office of Senator or Speaker of the Senate, or any of the functions connected therewith while he continued to hold and exercise the office of Governor, was absolutely suspended.

"5. The theory that Mr. Watson can exercise the office of Governor of the State and State Senator simultaneously involves innumerable constitutional repugnancies, perplexing difficulties and endless absurdities; while the opposite theory reconciles and harmonizes all the provisions of the Delaware Constitution relating to the subject under consideration.

"6. That Governor Watson's exercise of the office of Senator in the Joint Assembly on the 9th day of May, 1895, and of the office of the president of such Joint Assembly was illegal and his vote therein for United States Senator a nullity.

In determining the above propositions, your committee reach the further following conclusions:

"7. In determining the question as to whether the Delaware senate on May 9, 1895, acted upon or judged, either actually or constructively, the qualifications of Governor Watson to a seat in the senate, the journal entries of the proceedings of the Delaware senate of that date are conclusive as to the number and names of senators present, the motions submitted, the votes cast, and of all the proceedings had, and cannot be contradicted by ex parte affidavits.

"8. The right which undoubtedly belongs exclusively to the Delaware senate to judge of the elections, returns, and qualifications of members does not vest in such senate any such exclusive right as would conclude the Senate of the United States to determine by construction whether the constitution of the State of Delaware does or does not recognize a certain seat in the senate as subject to occupation; nor does it include the power to admit members to seats not recognized by the constitution of the State as subject to occupation, or if subject to occupation, to fill them in a manner or by a person which the State constitution forbids.

"9. Your committee, applying these rules, find as a matter of fact the Delaware State senate never judged of the qualifications of Governor Watson to a seat in the senate, either on the 9th day of May, 1895, or at any other time subsequent to the date of his inauguration as governor.

"10. That on May 9, 1895, the date on which Mr. duPont claims to have been elected, the legislature of the State of Delaware consisted of but 29 members; there were in the joint assembly on that date but 29 members of such legislature entitled to seats in such joint assembly and entitled to be counted and vote therein. As Mr. Du Pont received 15 votes, being a majority of the whole number entitled to be cast in such joint assembly, and a majority of all the legal votes cast therein he was legally elected Senator from the State of Delaware for the full term commencing March 4, 1895, and is entitled to be seated.

"11. The fact that such election is not certified by the governor of the State in pursuance of the statute on that subject does not invalidate such election in any respect.

Your committee therefore report to the Senate the following resolution and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That Henry A. Du Pont is entitled to a seat in the Senate from the State of Delaware for the full term commencing March, 4, 1895."

VIEWS OF THE MINORITY.

The minority report is signed by David Turpie James L. Pugh, George Gray, and Jno. M. Palmer. It is surprising in what it says. Let us quote:

"The record shows that Hon. Mr. Watson, the speaker of the senate, appeared, qualified and took his seat in the senate on the first day of the session, without protest or objection, and continued to act as a Senator and as speaker of the senate, whenever he was present, up to the time of the final adjournment.

"The act of the senate in allowing him to be qualified and seated as a senator from the county of Kent was in effect an adjudication of the most public and solemn character that he was a senator, a member of the senate, and entitled to act as such. Such adjudication remains unchanged. There are only three ways in which he could lose or be deprived of his right to vote or act as a senator, and, by consequence, of his right to vote and act as a member of the joint convention. One of these is the act of God—death; the second by his own act—resignation; the third is by the action of the Senate adjudging the vacation of his seat, either by ouster or expulsion, for such causes as the senate of the State of Delaware might adjudge sufficient to disqualify him as a senator. There has been neither death, resignation, nor adverse adjudication in his case, and he remains in all respects a senator, as fully qualified and as lawfully entitled to act as such as upon the day when he first appeared and was sworn as a senator."

And their conclusions are:

"First. That if there be any questions as to the lawful qualifications of William T. Watson to act and vote as a senator and, by consequense, as a member of the joint convention, this is not the place, the time, or the tribunal to either hear or determine such questions.

Second. The senate of the State of Delaware had paramount and exclusive jurisdiction to adjudge such questions, and whether they exercised such jurisdiction or not, the Senate of the United States has no jurisdiction in the premises.

Third. That Mr. Watson, having acted and voted as a senator and as a member of the joint convention at the time when the vote was taken under which Mr. Du Pont claims his election to a seat in this body, he is to be counted as a member of the legislature of Delaware in joint convention assembled; that the whole number of members voting, being the whole number of members of both houses, was 30; that Mr. Du Pont did not receive a majority of this whole number; that we cannot make his vote of 15 a majority of such whole number by subtracting therefrom the vote of one whose right and title to vote is not shown by the record to have been adjudged against by the body of which he acted as a member."

DAVID TURPIE,
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GEO. GRAY.
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The report in another place says: "The journal shows that he continued to act as senator and as speaker whenever he was present, up to and including the last day of the session, when both houses adjorned sine die; that during the entire session whenever he was present, he voted and acted as a senator in the joint convention of the two houses, and acted as presiding officer of such convention."

This is at variance with the facts and Senator Gray should know it. Governor Watson frequently visited the Senate and the House between the time that Gov. Marvil died and the 9th of May, and yet it is well known that he did not "continue to act as senator and speaker whenever present." Such a statement in the report shows not only the extent to which partisan demands will carry men but the extreme weakness of the case against Col. DuPont. No paper in the State will deny our statement of the facts.

How puerile is that part of the report referring to the fact that no "protest or objection" was raised against W. T. Watson's taking his seat on the first day of the session! Why should there be? He was neither governor nor acting governor. Joshua H. Marvil was then Governor and W. T. Watson was then Senator and elected speaker.

And their conclusions are puerile and weak. It is said of a certain member-elect of Congress that he spent much time in speculation after his election at the partiality of his friends in sending him to the Capital, having a sense of his own unfitness. He went to Washington and after being there a little while he spent more time in speculating as to why the people had ever sent the other fellows. This is meant as no reflection upon Senator Gray for he was "smart" enough to beat Hon. Charles B. Lore, to fool certain legislators, and to get there, but the mystery is that he has not presented a stronger case against Col. duPont. It is an evidence at once of the merits of Col. duPont's election, or as not a few believe, that the best thinking Democrats have all along hoped that Col. duPont may be seated.

The conclusion of Senator Gray and his colleagues is that five members in our State Senate, or a majority of any organized body, can, without law or reason obstruct the course of right and justice, that because the State Senate did not or would not pass upon the right of Mr. Watson to act as both Governor and Senator, and who would say that he might not appoint himself judge and hold an executive, legislative and judicial office at the same time? therefore there is no power to correct the wrong and even the United States Senate must accept it, How very weak! How ridiculous!

JUDGE YE BETWEEN US.

"Downham of the TRANSCRIPT is nothing if not partizan. His great feat which he claims as the crowning effort of his life, the cutting off of the pay of some post office watchmen, was instigated because they were Democrats. Yet he attempts to justify Whann's bogus assessment list in the Wilmington Third District on the argument of "chicken coming home to roost" and because his wing of the chicken will be given an advantage at the primaries. He at one time was a great reformer, a second Martin Luther—speaking by way of hyperbole—but when the test of faith comes it peters out in partizan glee at an outrage against honest methods in politics."—*Delaware Pilot.*

"Downham" is perfectly willing for the well-informed citizens of Delaware to judge between him and the *Pilot*, and he only regrets that he cannot reach all whose only information in the matter is drawn from the *Pilot*. The one consolation is that they are very few.

As the TRANSCRIPT has frequently pointed out neither the *Pilot* nor other Democratic papers will quote us. They persistently misquote. How hard must the *Pilot* be hit in the argument when it makes a statement like the above in the face of the following declarations in our article which it criticize (see TRANSCRIPT of Feb. 8):

"The TRANSCRIPT will not uphold wrong doing in its political friends.

"The assessment of a man can do no great harm as he is compelled to register before he can vote. He must have a residence and prove it and the registration and voting districts are so very small that every man is known personally. Then no great harm can be done by them."

"If these assessments are padded it is a shame that the law upholds them. Our elections and qualifications of an elector should be free from all restraints and even the shadow of fraud. There should be no unwelcome chickens to come home to roost. Why not have it so?"

Is there, honest reader, any "attempt to justify a bogus assessment" by the TRANSCRIPT in the above? Taking the quotations from the TRANSCRIPT and the misstatement of the *Pilot* as a sample of its fairness and truthfulness, would you care to believe any thing it says unless you knew from another source that it is true? You are the judge and we are content to leave the matter in the hands of any honest reader, be he Democrat, Republican or even a mugwump.

IT is to be hoped that the forced-sale of three of the four newspapers in Easton, Md., within the past three months in no way indicates the condition of newspaper plants generally. These hard times, however, strike hard at the newspaper. The subscriber is slower in paying his annual dues though he expects his local paper to just as faithfully represent the local interests; the advertiser, unwisely in the estimation of the publisher, cuts down his space or "will discontinue the ad. for a time because of the hard times," not thinking that the enterprising man who keeps himself before the people will reap the benefit. It is done, however, and the newspapers feel it.

The Easton *Gazette* was destroyed sometime ago by fire and since then it has been issued from the *Star* office. Recently Mr. Tylor purchased the *Star* and last week the *Democrat* retaining the offices and selling the good will of the two papers to J. Frank Turner who has combined them into one—the *Star-Democrat*, thus making one less paper. The *Gazette* has been reduced from a folio to the new style quarto and has been otherwise improved. By the change, three papers take the place of four which is of itself a great improvement, there being generally too many papers poorly edited or not edited at all by a job printer whose education is merely sufficient to dicker for party patronage.

THOUGHTS FOR TEACHERS.

Be not weary in well doing.

Virtue is crystalized good taste.

The teacher cannot think for the child.

What men have done they may do again.

You will never lose by doing a good act.

Spare moments are the gold dust of time.

Try to be interesting as well as interested.

Learning makes a man fit company for himself.

Society lays a large amount of selfsacrifice upon the teacher.

The test of a student is not how much he knows, but how much he wants to know.

Education begins the gentleman, but reading, good company, and reflection must finish him.

Politeness is indespensable in a teacher's intercourse with fellow teachers, the school authorities and the pupils.

It is right to punish for wrong doing; but efforts to prevent disobedience are more effective in promoting the welfare of the school.

The purpose of education is to give to the body and to the soul all the beauty and all the perfection of which they are capable.

A teacher should grow almost as much each year as the pupil he teaches. Study, experience and good thinking will alone make this possible.

The small boy who defined faith as "trying to believe something that you know isn't so," would undoubtedly define duty as something nobody likes to do."

The test of a good teacher is not how many questions he can ask his pupils that they will answer readily, but how many questions he inspires them to ask him which he finds it hard to answer.

CURRENT EVENTS.

It would seem that the declaration that "there is nothing new under the sun" does not refer to these days. Science is photographing the bones of living annimals and soon the people whose greatest pleasure is to recite their numerous ills to the great disgust of their enforced listners, can sit all day long with a reflected mirror and view the causes of their complaints and aches. An exchahge says of the science:

"Each day is making more apparent the benefits which the world is going to derive from the so-called new photography. It seems, especially, that a man may now look into the heretofore unknown subject of his bones. Just what sort of skelton nature has foisted upon a man is something which, in the past, he has known little about. We do not, of course, refer to the skeleton said to be concealed in the closet of many worthy people, but to the actual personal skelton which accompanies a man in his daily walk. The courts, not to mention the sensational newspapers, have long attended to the closet skeletons, but the revelations concerning the other skeleton must all devolve upon the new photography. If nature has given a man any damaged, misfit, or (as a printer would put it) wrong-font bones, he may now know all about them, and the step between knowing and applying a remedy will probably, as usual, be short. The time is at hand when a man, finding that he has a bone not up to the standard in any way, can have it taken out sent to the proper place, repaired and returned to his address. This sign may yet confront us in side streets: 'Bones Repaired and Altered While You Wait.'"

Some of Washington's Rules.

Show nothing to your friend that might affright him.

Be not immodest in urging your friends to discover a secret.

A secret discover not.

Tell not your dreams but to your intimate friend.

Be not curious to know the affairs of others; neither approach to those that speak in private.

Undertake not what you cannot perform, but be careful to keep your promise.

DELAWARE CITY.

Mrs. M. Smith, of State Road, is in town.

Miss Laura Haman is visiting in Maryland.

Miss Ida Hulshizer is visiting Mrs. E. A. Stout.

George Reybold was in Wilmington Saturday.

Mr. C. Manning spent Sunday with friends.

Miss Emma Crowding spent Sunday in Newark.

Mr. H. White, of Red Lion, was in town this week.

William Bland was in Wilmington Saturday.

Miss Rosa Olive has returned from Wilmington.

Miss Annie ONeill has visited friends in New Castle.

Mr. Smith, of Philadelphia, visited in town Friday.

Prof. N. Wilkinson was in Wilmington on Saturday.

Miss Hannah Swan has returned from Philadelphia.

Miss Mattie Janvier visited near Port Penn this week.

Mrs. and Mrs. J. Watson, of Milford, are visiting in town.

Miss Hattie Chears has returned from a visit to Boston friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Pancoast, spent yesterday in Wilmington.

Miss Annie Schunder has been visiting friends in Wilmington.

Mrs. R. Groves was the guests of Mrs. A. K. Paxon this week.

Miss Mattie McMunn has returned from a visit to Baltimore friends.

Mrs. Miriam Carlisle spent several days in Wilmington this week.

Miss Maggie Corbit, of Philadelphia, has has been visiting in town.

W. T. Vail and Amos Collins were in Middletown on Wednesday.

Roy Keane spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Keane.

Miss Nellie Swan, was the guest of her mother, Mrs. A. Swan, this week.

Miss Nannie Sadler has returned from a visit to friends in Havre de Grace.

Lieutenant Crosby and sister, the Misses Crosby, of New York, are in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Newhall who have been in town for some time, returned home Saturday.

F. Clothier, of Drummonds Mill and N. Willits, of Middletown, were in town this week.

Miss Laura Sadler, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr and Mrs. E. Sadler.

Mrs. Emile Altman and little daughter Dorothea, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with relatives.

Miss Annie Hunter spent Sunday in Chesapeake City, the guest of her brother, Rev. T. B. Hunter.

The fodder and straw on thefarm of Mrs. Mary Ellison near town were destroyed by fire Thursday morning.

Misses. Ethel and Mary Reybold and Mr. F. C. Warner and Mr. Smith visited in Philadelphia this week.

Mrs. Thomas Biles, of Philadelphia, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. H. Brewer, has returned home.

Mrs. S. E. Bradway and daughter, Miss Lidie, have gone to Atlantic City, where they will remain through the summer.

Lenten services in Christ, P. E. Church will be Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7.30, p. m; Wednesdays, 9 a. m; Fridays, 10. 30 a. m. and 4.15 p. m; Saturdays. 3.15 p. m.

The young men of Delaware City. gave a ball Friday evening, in Assembly Hall. The patronesses were—Mrs. E. C. Reybold, Mrs. J. Griffin, Mrs. W. A. Jester and Mrs. E. Hall.

Miss Cora Bigger, Miss Anna Pennington, Charles McMunn and Russell Pennington attended a party at the residence of Mr. John Vosbell near Mt. Pleasant, Tuesday evening.

CHESAPEAKE CITY.

Prof. Harper spent Saturday in Philadelphia.

T. J. Conrey, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday at home with his parents.

Miss Mary Tumnay is spending some time with friends in Elk Neck.

J. P. Steele and John Banks were entertained by State Senator Crothers on Sunday.

"The Daughters of the King" met at the residence of Miss Alice Boulden, Monday night.

Miss Florence Egee spent several days last week with Miss Hattie Morgan in Back Creek Neck.

M. and Mrs. Harry Bouchelle and children spent Wednesday with her sister, Mrs: J. D. McCoy.

The employes of Diebert Bros. & Co. were compelled to quit work on Monday on account of the cold.

Quite a number of members of I. O. O. F. of this town visited their brethren at Elkton on Friday evening.

A conclave of the Improved Order of Heptasophs will be instituted in this city, all persons interested should call on the organizer, Harry Bouchelle.

Prof. Metz gave his dancing class an impromptu dance on Tuesday evening. Quite a large crowd was present. Six pieces of music were furnished by the Bohemia Orchestra of this town.

The Congregation of the M. E. Church held an enjoyable sociable Tuesday evening at the residence of J. W. Johnson Quite a large crowd was present and all enjoyed a pleasant evening.

"The Delaware Churchman."

The *Churchman* is a monthly magazine, published at Delaware City, in the interest of the P. E. Church of this Diocese, the Rev. George S. Gassner being managing editor. In its issue of February 15th it refers to the following matters connected with St. Anne's Church this town:

Prayer books are to be placed in the rooms of both the Middletown hotels. For defraying half the expense of this, our thanks are due to the rector of Christ Church, Christiana hundred.

Dr. John B. Driggs of Point Hope, Alaska, addressed the Junior Auxiliary and other church workers on the afternoon of January eighteenth. All who heard him were greatly interested in the simple story which he told of his earnest, self-denying labors.

On the first Sunday in February a mission Sunday-school was opened in the school house at Fieldsboro, five miles south east of Middletown. Twelve children were enrolled on the first day and more will soon be added. The work has been placed in charge of Mrs. Davis Wilson, a communicant of St. Anne's. Our rector proposes to hold a service at Fieldsboro once a month.

On Septuagesima the Sunday-school children received their mite chests. Last year their labors resulted in Lenton offering of $30,68 for general missons. They hope to do even better this year.

IN KENT COUNTY.

The M. E. Choir of Smyrna is to have thirty-five voices soon. It now has twenty-five, having been reorganized recently.

Smyrna is having a building boom; five new houses—one of nine rooms, one of eight, one of six, one of five and one of four. And at the "Landing" another house of six rooms is being erected.

The schooner Caroline Hall is ashore on Smith's Island, Va., and is a total wreck. She was built in Frederica and owned by John W. Hall of that place. Her crew was saved by the life-saving crew.

Thomas Jefferson and Edward Barber, two of Smyrna's notorious characters, broke into the residence of T. I. Hobbs and the store of H, B. Stewart last week. They were arrestad, committed to the lockup and that night took French leave.

One of Kent county's well-known and highly respected citizens, Presley Spruance, died at his home in Smyrna on the 13th. He had been Recorder of Deeds for Kent county and a business man whose integrity had not been questioned. He left a widow and five children.

James M. Kerbin, of Dover, celebrated his 83rd birthday on Monday week with a tea party to which he invited the widows who are members of Wesley Church. Eighteen persons were present whose ages aggregated 1260 years.

After two unsuccessful attempts the directors of the First National Bank, of Dover, were able to elect a president to succeed the late National B. Smithers. The contest was between Harry Richardson and Manlove Hayes. Mr. Richardson was eleeted.

The Smyrna Dramatic Association visited Chestertown last Friday and presented "A Bunch of Keys" and "The Bells of Shandon," which were lately given in Smyrna. The receipts from Chestertown were $60 in addition to 54 admissions from Smysna outside the cast. The plays were enthasiastically received.

Uncle Tom's Cabin.

An immense crowd held a sort of mass meeting around the Opera House doors while sections of it filed in and packed the house until the card was hung up, announcing standing room only. This unusual demonstration was not due to anything new, for it was only Uncle Tom, but Stetson's management includes good and liberal advertising. The show was to an admiring audience; its funny side was enjoyed immensely and the pathetic incidents met equal appreciation.—*Terre Haute* (*Ind*) At Middletown Opera House, February 25.

Manslaughter.

"Guilty of manslaughter" was the verdict rendered in the Farnhurst cases against John J. Swan and Daniel Brown, rendered in court on Sunday morning. It was nearly midnight Saturday night when the court gave the case to the jury. Michael Lynch was acquitted, though two indictments for assault and battery rest against him in other cases. The penalty for manslaughter is a fine from $400 to $1000, and imprisonment from one to five years. The court has heard the prayers and arguments for a new trial asked for by the attorneys for Brown and Swan.

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THE CHURCHES IN MIDDETOWN.

Bethesda M. E. Church.—Rev. Isaac L. Wood, Pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Sabbath School every Sabbath at 2 p. m., A. G. Cox, Superintendent. Prayer meeting, every Thursday evening, 7.30 o'clock. Junior Epworth League and Epworth Cadets every Friday night at 7 o'clock. Young Ladies' Mission Circle, Monday nights at Parsonage. Women's Foreign Missionary Society, first Friday night of each month. Women's Home Missionary Society, first Thursday night of each month. Mite Society, first Saturday night of each month. Official Board meeting first Friday afternoon of each month at 2.30 o'clock.

Forest Presbyterian Church.—Rev. F. H. Moore, Pastor. Services held every Sabbath morning at 10.30 o'clock, and every Sabbath evening at 7.30. Sabbath School will be held every Sabbath morning at 9.15 o'clock, H. C. Ellison, Superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. Young People's Society Christian Endeavor meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Junior Society Christian Endeavor every Sunday after noon at 3 o'clock.

Services at Armstrong's Chapel the first Sabbath of each month at 3 p. m.

St. Anne's Protestant Episcopal Church.—Rev. Wm. J. Wilkie, Rector. Holy Communion on the first Sunday in the month at 10.30 a. m. On all other Sundays at 7.30 a. m. Divine services every Sunday at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Morning Prayer and Litany every Wednesday and Friday at 10 a. m. Evening Prayer on Friday at 3.30 p. m. On all Holy Days service at 10 a. m., and 3.30 p. m. Sunday School at 9.45 a. m. Adult Bible Class at 6.45 p. m. The Guild meets every Thursday at 2 p. m., the Ladies on the first and third Fridays of each month at 2 p. m., the Boys' Club on Friday evenings at 7.30 and the Junior Auxiliary on Saturdays at 3 p. m.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

We shall begin this week sending out, for the second time, subscription bills, and as soon as it is convenient we trust our subscribers will remit the amounts due. A dollar a year is a small matter but a hundred annual subscriptions means a hundred dollars. Several hundred means several hundred dollars. We should like to have a subscription list with no arrearages over a year. Such subscribers are the most appreciation readers, and advertisers like them best.

The label on your paper should show the date to which it is paid. If there is any mistake we wish to correct it, and having adopted a system of checking subscriptions we believe we can guarantee against errors in the future. Let the TRANSCRIPT hear from you.

Local News.

—By taking revenge a man is but even with his enemy, but in passing it over he is superior.

—Remember that J. F. McWhorter has a full line of carriage and agricultural Implements on hand.

—"Out in the Streets" is the title of a drama which is being prepared to be given in the Opera House shortly under the auspices of the Diamond State Band.

—Governor Watson has remitted the punishment of pillory and lashes imposed by the Court upon John View, a New Castle negro, convicted of breaking into the stable of Dr. John J. Black.

—This has been a very cold week. Every morning the thermometer has ranged from zero, according to location and exposure, to 8 or 10 degrees above. The winds have been keen and biting.

One of Baltimore's ministers has,in a sermon, come to the defense of the mother-in-law. It is not in evidence that the mother-in-law needs any defense. She has always seemed well able to take care of herself.

—The carp industry of Appoquinimink creek now amounts to something worth while. Ex-Recorder of Deeds Shallcross says thatt he fishermen have receive $5,000 for their catch this winter. Employment is given to from 75 to 100 men.

—The pay roll at the shirt factory continues to grow, though a part of it is for work done outside of Middletown. Why not have a factory here, where men shall be given employment? Who can answer the question ?

—Lambert V. Nicholson, a clerk in the office of the Clerk of the Peace for this county under Messrs. Cochran, Biggs and Foard, died suddenly, Monday evening, having been taken on his way from his duties to his home. The trouble was heart disease.

—Dr. T. H. Gilpin received yesterday from the office of the Peninsula Mutual Relief a check for $1000.00 for Mrs. Rebecca Day, widow of John Day, late of Warwick, Maryland. This is the fourth time during the past year that the company has paid claims here.

—Stetson's Uncle Tom's Cabin Company has engaged the Opera House for Tuesday evening. They come from Coatesville, Pa., and go from here to Easton, Md. They travel in two large combination cars and carry fifty people. Their parade is said to be something fine.

—Mr. and Mrs. Howard Poole entertained their friends at their first "At Home" at "Sugar Loaf," McDonough, on Wednesday. There were a great many of their friends present from Middletown, St. Georges, Delaware City, and other places. The bride and groom were assisted in receiving in the parlor by Miss Mary Poole and Miss Edith Reynolds. Mrs. Ella Cochran and Miss Mabel Parvis presided at the refreshment tables in the dining room assisted by Helen Cochran and Eliza Green. Their next "At Home" will be on Wednesday, the 26th.

—The annual meeting of the Wilmington District Association of Dickinson College Alumni will be held at Dover in the Academy building, Friday, March 20, at 5 p. m. It is expected that this will be a very interesting occasion, as the Academy Association and the Drew Association of this conference have been invited to join in the banquet, which will follow immediately after its business meeting. Distinguished alumni, President Reid and others are expected to be present and address the association. Among other things of business will be the election of a Trustee of the college to serve four years.

Stetson's Big Uncle Tom's Cabin Company is at Kelley's Front Street Theatre this week. They have all the accessories for producing the play in the most approved style, and were highly successful in pleasing the audience. It is singular how this piece draws, and how the audience laughs over it. There is no necessity for speaking at length over the presentation last night. It pleased the majority greatly. Topsy was good, so was Uncle Tom, so were Eva, Marks, the dogs and the singing. It was a good entertainment, and the audience, which had come to laugh, laughed, heartily and were satisfied. The company had a double band orchestra, composed of white and colored musicians, two Topsies, two Marks, two Orphelias, Eva and her pony "Prince," the Lone Star Quartette and African mandolin players, not excluding the pack of savage-looking bloodhounds—*The Baltimore American*

At Middletown Opera House, Tuesday evening, Feb. 25th.

In examining a package of papers left by the late N. B. Smithers, the memoranda for the drafts of two bills for the purchase of all slaves in Delaware by the State were found. It is maintained that a comparison of these bills with the writing of Abraham Lincoln shows that they were written by Mr. Lincoln. The writing will be given to the Historical Society.

LEAP YEAR NUPTIALS.

SHEPHERD—CAULK.

On Wednesday, February 19th, at the residence of the bride's mother, near Sassafras, Md., Miss Elizabeth Caulk was married to Mr. Jesse L. Shepherd, of Middletown, Rev. B, F. Truitt officiating. Both the bride and groom are well known here and in Maryland and their numerous friends wish them many years of unalloyed happiness. Owing to the recent death of the bride's father the wedding was a quiet one, only the immediate friends of the contracting parties being present. After a wedding supper at which turkey, oysters, salads, etc., cakes, ices and coffee were served, Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd drove to Middletown to the National Hotel where they have taken rooms until they arrange to go to housekeeping. In unison with their many friends the TRANSCRIPT offers congratulation of best wishes for years of happiness, usefulness, and succcss.

CLARK—GALLAGHER.

Miss Amy Gallagher was married to Mr. William B. Clark, of Philadelphia, at the residence of the bride's mother, on Lake street, on Wednesday afternoon, Rev. I. L. Wood officiating. A wedding breakfast was served to about thirty-five guests. The bride and groom took the 4.24 train for Philadelphia, their future home.

Junior American Mechanics.

The third annual session of the State Council of Delaware, Jr. O. U. A. M., was held in the hall of Middletown Council, No. 2, on Tuesday, February 18th. There were present some sixty-five delegates from twenty-five councils.

This is a loyal, patriotic, fraternal and beneficial organization with a membership in the United States of over 200,000, in thirty-nine states. Its motto is "Our Country" and "Principles, Not Men," is its creed. Every patriotic American can certainly subscribe to its Declaration of Principles. It says "the constant landing upon our shores of the hordes of ignorant, vicious and lawless criminals of the Old World should be viewed with alarm by the loyal and patriotic citizens of this country," while a welcome is extended to all "emigrants who desire to better their condition and become a part and parcel of our nationality." The order is the friend of the public school system of the country and has inaugurated the custom of flying "Old Glory" over every school house in the land.

The order in this State has grown very rapidly. In 1893 the membership was only about 350, a year later it was 900, and last year under the efficient leadership of Mr. E. S. Jones, of this town, the membership was doubled, being 1800. This year there have been less councils organized and the increase has been only about 200, a very good showing when many secret societies have gone behind because of the depressed times. There was paid out during the year $5,248.72, leaving a balance of $9,170.20.

The following officers were elected: State Councilor, F. R. Householder, Delaware City; State Vice Councilor, Frank Morgan Jones, Georgetown; State Council Secretary, W. J. Moreland, Wilmington; State Council Treasurer, W. J. Downey, Wilmington; State Council Conductor, H. W. Hill, Delmar; State Council Warden, O. W. Marvel, Laurel; State Council Inside Sentinel, Fred Ross, Wilmington; State Council Outside Sentinel, H. E. Kilpatrick, Middletown; Representative to National Council, five years, H. C. Johnson, of Clayton; one year, H. H. Billany, of Wilmington; Chaplain, William Anderson, of Delaware City.

The members were entertained at the National Hotel where Mine Host McIntyre had a bountiful spread which was eaten with patriotic zest. There were seventy-five seated at the tables for dinner.

Adjourned Sale.

The large sale of fine stock and implements of J. Frank Denney, Attorney, at "Glenfern," one mile from Smyrna, will be completed on Tuesday next, 25th inst. All come again.

Your Eyes.

Sight unquestionably holds the first and highest rank in the list of special nervous endowments, since we receive through it the most valuable and varied impressions, giving to us our highest and most enduring form of pleasure.

Its exalted importance therefore demands our most scruplous care for its preservation.

Of all the senses, "Sight" is the most peculiar in its operation and the most immaterial in its nature, as the agent (light) by which sensibility is excited is more peculiar and subtile than any of those which act upon the other senses.

Touch, Taste and Smell require for their exercise actual contact of the body perceived; either in a sold, liquid or aeril form condition; and even hearing depends upon the mechanical vibrations of the atmosphere or some other sonorous medium. But the eye does not require contact with the luminous body examined. It will receive the impression of light (which is itself immaterial in its nature, so far as we can ascertain) with perfect distinctness, whether proceeding from a body a few inches removed or from the immeasurable distance of the fixed stars.

The apparatus of the eye is also more complicated and delicate in its structure than that of any other organ of the special senses. It follows therefore that it is peculiarly liable to derangement; even the slightest departure from its normal shape either as to the ball, cornea or crystalline lens, manifests itself in an impairment of sight and consequent discomfort.

Happily, however, we have a complete remedy for every phase of imperfect vision, not dependent upon diseases, in properly ground and adjusted glasses, the right selection of which can only be made by a competent optician after careful and thorough scientific tests.

If you are suffering from defective vision do not fail to consult J. F. Brinkerhoff, specialist on the eye, at Mrs. Massey's Jewelery store in Middletown, Tuesday March 3rd.

Flower Tea.

Mrs. T. H. Gilpin gave a Flower Tea at her residence on West Main street on Tuesday evening in honor of the Poole-Cochran bridal party. The decorations were red carnations, and the cards were tied with red ribbons. Each guest was given a set of cards, Rebus Cards, Charade Cards, Conundrum Cards, tied with red ribbons, the answer to be given to each, it being a flower. One of the Charade Cards was:

A girl's name, (Mag-,)
A negative, (-no-,)
An untruth, (-li-,)
An indefinite article, (-a.)

The evening was thus very pleasantly spent, Mrs. Gilpin being a most delightful hostess. Besides Dr. and Mrs. Gilpin and Dr. J. C. Stites, there were present, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Poole, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Poole, Miss Margaret Gilpin, of Elkton, Mrs. Ella Cochran, Misses Mary Poole, Edith Reynolds, Mabel Parvis, Blanche Cochran, Bessie Anderson and Bessie Foard; Messrs. Frank Poole, William F. Metten and William Brady.

PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

—Prof. Thomas N. Rawlins, of Harrington, was in town this week.

—Mrs. M. E. Barnard, of Cheswold, is visiting her son, Dr. W. E. Barnard.

—Mrs. Frank Walters, of Wilmington, has been visiting Mrs. W. J. Barnett.

—Mrs. D. B. Maloney, of Townsend, spent Thursday with Mrs. W. J. Barnett.

—Miss Edith Reynolds has returned from a visit with Mrs. E. D. Cook, Trenton, N. J.

—Dr. H. Vaughan, who has been confined to his room this week, is very much improved.

—Dr. Martin W. Barr, of Elwin, Pa., visited his mother, Mrs. H. M. Barr this week.

—Miss Margaret Gilpin, of Elkton, Md., is visiting her brother, Dr. and Mrs. T. H. Gilpin.

—Mrs. Sarah A. Rice has gone on a visit to Middletown, Pa., where she will spend some time with friends.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Brown, who have been in the City of Brotherly Love for ten days, returned on Thursday.

Miss Ella Jarrell has gone to Philadelphia where she has accepted a position with the Woman's Christian Association.

—Mr. Joshua Clayton, Jr. has purchased the Lockwood house on Green street, from Mrs. Lizzie Williams, and will make it his residence after March 1st.

—Frank M. Jones, Esqr., of the Sussex Journal, Georgetown; A. B. Conner, Esqr., of Felton, and Mr. W. L. Layton, of Harrington, called at the TRANSCRIPT sanctum on Tuesday, being in attendance upon the State Council, Jr. O. U. A. M.

—Rev. R. I. Watkins, of Cecilton, was in town on Wednesday to meet Dr. Merritt Hulburd, of Grace Church, Wilmington, who delivered his lecture, "America for Americans," for the benefit o. the Cecilton Epworth League on Wednesday evening.

Leap-Year Valentine Party.

A Leap-year Valentine Party was held at the residence of Miss Anna Louise Reynolds, on South Broad street, Friday evening, February 14th.

The attention of the guests was first invited to a cob-web, and each one was given a string; the object being to find what was on the end. The strings were followed all over the house, upstairs and down, until at last all the favors had been found and some of them proved to be very amusing. Later on each guest was presented with a souvenir, a heart pierced by an arrow painted on white satin ribbon. Refreshments of cake, cocoa and salted peanuts were served at 11 o'clock.

Those present were: Misses Mary Maxwell, Ethelle Elaine Pitt, Maria Nowland, Mable Derrickson, Annie Cochran, Dora Culbertson, Berenice Metten, and A. Louise Reynolds. Messrs. Allan McDowell, Norman Crouch, Horace Harman, Harry Budd, Harry Howell, Leo Evans, Harold Green, Douglas Cochran, of Middletown; Norman McMullin, of St. Georges.

RAND P.

"A Pleasant Surprise."

One of the most delightful dances of the season was given at the home of Mr. T. P. Devine near Warwick, on Friday evening last, by the young ladies of the immediate neighborhood. Two of the ladies in particular deserve great praise for the gracious manner in which the whole affair was conducted. Throughout the entire evening dancing was enjoyed, at eleven o'clock the merry guests were called to the dining room where a very refreshing supper was served after which dancing was resumed and kept up until a seasonable hour, when all departed much pleased and wishing the fair committee would soon favor them with another enjoyable evening.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. L. N Dreka, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Kenedy, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Johnson, of Sassafras; Misses Maggie and Marcella Keegan, of Odessa; Miss Laura Lambert, of St. Augustine; Misses Black, Jones, Dushane, and Robinson of Cecilton, Misses Susie Wilson, Florence Merritt, and Estella Marsh, Pauline Piser Millie Piser, Maggie Dorsey, Beulah Crawford, Della Woodall, and Dessie Boulden, Messrs. John Piser, Jr., Harry Aiken, Wilson Merritt, Joseph Dorsey, Walter Aiken, Lambert Boulden, Lindell Beaston, R. Delbert Aiken, Elwood Williams, William Tatnam, Louis Aiken, George Woodal, George O Neill, Robert Lusby, Louis Spear, Thomas Robinson, John J. Dorsey, N. P. Ferguson, Harry Manlove, of Middletown, John and James Keegan of Odessa.

"A GUEST"

A Valentine Party.

Mount Vernon Place near Kirkwood, the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cazier, was the scene of a brilliant Valentine and Leap Year Party on Friday evening last. The parlors were tastefully trimmed with potted plants and cut flowers. A card on which was written a short verse was presented to each lady and gentleman on entering. It was the leap year privilege and duty as well of each lady to find her partner among the gentleman whose card rhymed with her own.

After the first waltz the ladies presented the gentlemen with cards decorated with ribbions of several colors, the gentleman having the valentine privilege of selecting color for his lady with its significance. Dancing and cards were enjoyed, Prof. Truman, of Wilmington, furnishing th music.

At low twelve the ladies escorted the gentlemen to the dining room, most beautifully and tastefully decorated with pink satin ribbon and smilax. Every guest had a neatly penned

ST. VALENTINE'S
MENU:

Biscuits.	Salads.
Wafers.	
Coffee.	Chocolate.
Olives.	
Ice Cream.	Cakes.
Chocolate Mints.	
Almonds.	

The cream was served in the shape of hearts, pierced with ice, frozen hearts and daggers of ice. Mr. Jones, of Wilmington, was the caterer.

Souvenirs of long streamers of pink satin ribbon with "cupid" at the end of one of the loops, were received by the ladies. Those present from Middletown were: The Misses Clayton, Messrs. Clarence Clayton, W. G. Lockwood, E M Vaughan, W. Reece Parker, Louis Naudain, Fred Crouch and John Parvis.

William S. Ryan.

One of Middletown's old residents, though one of whom the active world knew little because of retirement and seclusion, died on Tuesday aged 69 years, in William S. Ryan. He has had a trustee for a number of years to manage his property which will now go to his daughter. Funeral on Tuesday afternoon and interment in the M. E. Cemetery.

Unclaimed Letters.

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the Middletown post office which can be had by saying they are advertised Mrs. Mary Morris, Mrs. Ella Boner, Levi Ford, Mary E. Williams, Mrs. Sarah McCollough, Capt. Lekites.

CHURCH CHIMES.

The Y. P. S. C. E. meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 in the lecture room of Forest Presbyterian Church. Topic for Feb. 23rd, "What Faith can do for us?" Meeting to be led by Miss Elizabeth Hall.

Rev. Alfred Smith, D. D., presiding Elder of Easton District has gone on a business trip to Georgia. While there he will attend to settling up the estate of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Bratt. He will be gone about 10 days.

The suggestion is being considered of increasing the choir in the M. E. Church. The choir loft will accommodate only six or eight, but the proposition is to organize a supplementary choir of twenty or more voices to occupy one of the "Amen corners."

The special services which have been held in the Forest Presbyterian Church during the last three evenings, will be continued during the coming week. The following clergymen are expected to preach: Sunday evening, Rev. J. L. Vallandigham, D. D., of Newark; Monday evening, Rev. R. A. Davidson, of St. Georges; Tuesday evening, Rev. Joseph B. Turner, of Dover; Wednesday evening, Rev. Luther A. Oates, of Delaware City; Thursday evening, the Rev. L. Marks, D. D., of Wilmington; Friday evening, the Rev. T. J. Mason, formerly State President of ihe Young Peoples Societyof Christian Endeavor. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

The meetings in the M. E. Church continue with interest. The congregations are large notwithstanding the cold weather. Evangelist Galloway was greeted on Sabbath evening with one of the finest audiences ever assembled in Middletown. Many had driven from neighboring towns and the surrounding country. Mr. Galloway spoke very earnestly and very feelingly for a half hour and then had revival services in which two persons professed conversion. Over a hundred persons have professed a change of heart during the meeting, eighty-five having united with the Church, ten of them on Sabbath morning and six in the evening. Mr. Galloway having an engagement at Smyrna left for that town on Monday, but Mr. Wood has kept and will continue to keep the meetings open so long as the people manifest an interest. Mr. Wood has been incessant in his labors and Dr. Murray in referring to his acceptance of an invitation to preach two weeks ago in the midst of his own pressing work and arranging for Conference which convenes in Dover, March 18, said, "there is no shaking this man off, he will not take 'no' for an answer."

Mrs. S. L. Baldwin, who for years was engaged in Mission work in China, occupied the platform at the M. E. Church last Sabbath morning, and notwithstanding the inclement weather, the audience room was well filled. She spoke entertainingly and instructively for nearly an hour, it being the day for the Missionary Collection. She pathetically portrayed the results of the famine in China some years ago when hundreds of thousands starved to death—physical starvation. She then referred to spiritual starvation, where millions are perishing for the bread of life. She said for over 1200 years incense has not ceased to burn on the altars dedicated to the heathen gods, and for over 1000 years not a day has passed that at 4 a. m. worshipers have not gathered in a certain heathen temple. She referred to the condition of the women in China and in India, the low estimation in which they are held, and said the women of America owe all they have and are to Christ. Contrasting Home and Foreign Missions, she said 45 cents of every dollar given to the cause of missions is spent at home, and out of the 55 cents the foreign work has to build churches, pay traveling expenses, support schools, etc. Mrs. Baldwin is a very interesting speaker, having traveled in all parts of the world. She first crossed the ocean in 1862, being 127 days on the trip to her destination in China.

Public Sales.

TUESDAY, Feb. 18th—Entire Stock and farming implements on the McWhorter farm one and a half miles from St. Georges, by Samuel Austin; D. P. Hutchison, Auctioneer.

THURSDAY, FEB. 20th—Stock and Farm implements on road leading from Reybold's Station to Delaware City, by S. D. Townsend. A. I. Swan auctioneer.

THURSDAY, Feb, 27—Entire Stock and farming implements on Dr Ashcraft's farm near Salem Church by William Collins; D. P. Hutchison, Auctioneer.

THURSDAY FEB. 27.—Stock and farming implements on the Willits farm, near Mt Pleasant, by Joshua Clayton, Jr.

MONDAY, FEB. 17th: Personal Property, Stock, Farming Implements, Furniture, etc. by A. K. Paxson, agent, on E. L. Clark Farm, about one and a half miles above St. Georges. See ad. in paper.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH, 4th.—Public Sale of stock, one mile south of Red Lion, at 10 A. M., by W. S. Burris, A. I. Swan, Auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH, 11th.—Public sale Real and Personal property of the Cannery, T. Bayard Heisel, receiver, at St. Georges, at 2 P. M. A. I. Swan Auctioneer.

MY MARYLAND.

Denton had a fire on Wednesday morning, burning four houses. The heaviest loser was George W. Bailey, a nephew of Frederick Douglass, and the only merchant of his race in the county.

Senator J. J. B. Bond, the Democratic representative in the upper house of the Maryland Legislature, from Calvert county, died at the home of his brother-in-law, Harry M. Tongue, in Annapolis, on Tuesday. Senator Bond's death leaves the Democrats with but a majority of one in the Senate, or one vote short of a constitutional majority. They have full powers to reject nominations or measures, but cannot pass a bill. A special election will not relieve the situation unless a Democrat should be elected to fill the vacancy. The constitution requires the President of the Senate to issue warrant of election for the election of another Senator in Calvert county to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Senator Bond, but Senator Bruce has not yet decided upon what course he will pursue. Senator Bond was returned elected in November over Dowell by thirty-six majority, but his seat was being contested.

Kelley's $4.50 For $2.50.

30 DAYS SPECIAL.—For 30 days only, we offer you the following bargain lot o strictly pure and standard goods: 5 quart bottles pure California wines (sherry port, catawba, blackberry and Rhine), one quart bottle pure rye whiskey, (five years old) and one bottle extra quality champagne, and the whole lot, 7 bottles, goes for $2.50, the honest market value of which is $4.50 No other house can give you so much value for your money, as the one and only reliable: Family Liquor Store of James A Kelley, S. W. Cor. Tenth and Shipley Sts Wilmington, Del.

WANTED.—A good man to carry on truck farm; reference required. Apply to Walter Monro, Blackbird, Del.

TOWNSEND TOPICS.

Mr. Berick Wilson is visiting his parents.

Simon Abram is loading a car of old iron.

Rev. Albert Chandler and wife are visiting in Crumpton.

There is nothing definite in regard to rebuilding the creamery.

Rev. F. F. Carpenter, of Hillsboro, was in town on Thursday.

Miss Minnie Smith, of Fairlee, is visiting her brothet. Prof. Smythe.

Mr. Herring, of Wells, Herring, & Co., was in town on Wednesday.

Mr. Jacob Welsh, of Mt. Lebanon, spent Sunday with his mother here.

Miss Staats, of Marcus Hook. is the guest of her cousin, Miss Eva Daniels.

Mrs. Stevenson and Mrs. Coverdale, of Smyrna, spent Thursday with Mrs. A. L. Quillen.

Rev. G. W. Burke preached here on Sunday morning and evening and at Union in the afternoon.

A new class has been organized for the benefit of the new converts, with Mr. B. G. Lockerman as leader.

Misses Bennett and Lewis, of Newark, Mrs. Cavender, of Frederica, and Mrs. Reynolds of Golts, are visiting Mr. Ed. Hart.

A fire was discovered in the store building of J. S. & W. Lattomus on Tuesday afternoon but was extinguished before any serious mischief was done.

About seventy-five of the young friends of Mr. Wm. Naylor assembled at his home near here on Tuesday evening. The occasion being his birthday, which was celebrated with an oyster supper.

The "Knights of the Golden Eagle" of this town celebrated their seventh anniversary on Thursday evening, with a Banquet. Quite a number of the members and their friends were present.

PORT PENN WAVES.

Mr. Gallagher, of Middletown, moved on the Kennedy farm on Tuesday.

Mr. R. S. Carpenter had ten sheep killed and crippled last Sunday by dogs.

Miss Amelia Vandegrift is spending a month at Roselands with her uncle, John B. Vandegrift.

Miss Lottie Bland will leave on Saturday to spend several weeks with relatives in Jenkintown, Pa.

Miss Florence C. Hall has been spending several days in Wilmington the guest of Miss Lucy Biddle.

Mr. Albert Bendler will engage in the carrier business this season. Mr. B. is having several new boats built.

Mr. Chas. Bendler, of Lake street, has been suffering with a heavy cold but is much improved at this writing.

Mr. Harry White, Levy Court Commissioner of New Castle, viewed the new road over Augustine Creek on Monday.

Mr. Patrick Neary, the well known politician and contractor of Wilmington, is stopping at Augustine Park Hotel.

Mr. William Casterlow is engaged with the Delaware Construction Company building the government dyke at Listons.

Miss Lloyd, of Odessa, is the teacher of the primary department of our public school and Prof. Mote, of Delaware City, is principal.

Mr. Hevalow, of St. Georges, will move on Mr. T. A. Pools farm now occupied by Harry Lesten. Mr. Lesten will move to Thomas Budds farm near St, Georges.

Much interest is taken in Senator Elect Dupont's case, but the question who will be nominated County Commissioner by the Democrats of the fifth district is occupying more minds just now.

There are changes and improvements even in this "walled town" The new range light house with its convenient residence, the improved condition of the road to the Pier. the projected road at Augustine and the sphinx-like tide indicator at the Station all show the march of progress.

Dr. David Steward celebrated his 83rd birthday on the 14th. He received letters, and congratulations, etc. from his eight children on or near that day. He is well and carries his years well, enjoying life, and its comforts and pleasures, and still takes an active interest in church work.

Revt Charles Brown, whose death occurred in Philadelphia last week, formerly preached in State, The records of the Presbyterian Church at Port Penn show that he assisted Rev. James C. How, of St. Georges, to organize the church, July 18th, 1837, and became its first pastor. He was then pastor at the Drawyer's Church and resided at Odessa while preaching at the two churches. He removed to Philadelphia a few years later to assume charge of a church there and subsequently served the church in the capacity of Secretary or Treasurer of one its boards, which position he retained for more than 30 years.

A very pleasant time was spent at the Presbyterian Manse on Friday evening, the occasion bring a Valentine Party, given by the young ladies. Among the guest were Rev. O. A. Gillingham, Messrs. William McMullin, Jr., John B. Vandergrift, Samuel Carpenter, A. J. Vandegrift and Dilworth Vandergrift. Misses Kate Cleaver, Maggie Mullin, Emma Stuart, M. D. Eaton, L. A. Jefferson, Mary Carpenter, Amelia E. Vandegrift, of Long Branch, N. J., Miss Etta T. Dilworth and mother. Mrs. J B. Vandegrift, and Miss Sarah B. Cleaver Mrs. H. Hall, Mrs. C. Parker, Misses Sue and Agnes Vandegrift. The party was to have been on St. Valentine's Eve but was postponed because of the storm. Misses Kate Cleaver and Etta Dilworth were appointed post-mistresses; Misses Maggie McMuilen and Amelia Vandegrift, readers; and John B. Vandegrift, mail carrier. The arrangement and distribution of valentines was very unique.) A very pretty game, "The Floral Bonquet, was afterwards played. Miss Agnes Vandegrift won the prize, a tortoise shell paper knife. It was one of the most successful social functions of the season. After partaking of a delightful repast, the guest departing for their respective homes hoping to meet again on February 14 97.

FOR SALE.—Stock of general store in Middletown, Del., doing good business. Good reasons for selling. Lease will be assigned to purchaser. Possession at once. Address.
J. D. HAWKINS, Attorney,
Dover, Del.

Tears, to the Tears, That Knows no Grief.

Are often felt trickling softly, yet surely, down the cheek, either through weakness or over-straining. The latter is a common defect of the present generation, and is caused by over-taxing the strength of the muscles controlling the sight. The remedy best adapted to these troubles is the proper adjusting of suitable lenses that will aid the the function of these muscles, thus restoring them to their former healthy and strong condition. Old eyes cannot be made young, but many elderly persons are greatly surprised at wonderful improvement of their sight after being fitted with lenses according to scientific methods, J. F. Brinkerhoff, of Philadelphia, specialist in lenses for the eye will again be in Middletown at Mrs. Massey's Jewelery store Tuesday March 3rd.

ODESSA NOTES.

Jos. W. Brown, of Newark, spent Sunday with his parents.

Mr. Columbus Watkins, of Philadelphia, was in town on Sunday.

Mrs. W. H. Eccles was the guest of Wilmington friends this week.

Miss Mattie Taylor was the guest of Miss Lida Rhien on Sunday last.

Miss Mary Walker, of Wilmington, spent a part of last week with friends in town.

Miss Lizzie Skelenger, of Wilmington, spent a part of this week with Mrs. W. H. Eccles.

Dr. Collins, of Bishopville, Md., spent a a part of this week as the guest of Prof. G. A. Bunting.

The cold weather of the first part of the week made good skating but the hopes of the young people were somewhat dashed by the snow squall of Wednesday afternoon.

Examinations took place in the public schools this week. The papers were said to be very good and showed signs of the excellent work of the principal and his assistants.

In the gale last week a large four-masted schooner was blown ashore at the mouth of the creek. Several tugs were at work on her for some time and succeeded in getting her off on Wednesday, she was plainly seen from here.

The members of the Brownie Tennis Club held a meeting Saturday night at the home of Miss Mattie Townsend for the purpose of reorganizing for the coming season. Jos. W. Brown was re-elected as president and Miss Louise Van Dyke as secretary and treasurer.

On Monday morning last a house in the part of the town known as the "tan yard" caught fire and was entirely destroyed It was supposed to have originated from a defect in the chimney. Fortunately a strong northeast wind was blowing and carried the sparks away from the creamery both of which stand near by.

On Saturday evening quite a number of young ladies met at the home of Miss Lidie Rose and organized a society styled the "R. P. C." The following officers wese elected: President, Miss Lidie Rose; Vice-president, Miss Sallie Huggins; secretary and treasurer, Miss Cora Humes. The object is literary work and social enjoyment.

FROM OLD SUSSEX.

Seaford has again postponed action on the purchase of a chemical engine, and some of the people there are disappointed.

A new shirt factory will be started in Seaford by people from Baltimore on April 1st. It will employ thirty hands at the start.

Recorder of Deeds Morris, of Sussex County, has received for a record a mortgage against the Queen Anne Railroad Company in favor of the Guardian Security Trust and Deposit Company, of Baltimore for $1,440,000. It is the largest mortage ever recorded in Sussex county.

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Of Interest .....To Farmers

KEEPING ACCOUNT WITH THE FARM.

A. C. Griffin writes in the "American Agriculturist." Farmers, as a rule, are too negligent in this matter. They often complain of hard times, cheap wheat, and low prices for all other farm products when they are utterly unable to state just what their products cost them per bushel or per ton. It is one of the most satisfactory accounts a farmer can keep, and has been largely the means of enabling the writer to reduce the cost of producing a bushel of wheat from $1.25 in 1882 to 34c. in 1894, allowing the same pay for labor expended and for rental of land in each case. The cost of all other crops was also reduced, but the reductions were not so marked as in the case noted. While it has a strong tendency to reduce the cost of production, this is not all. It enables a farmer to know whether he can afford to sell his products at prices prevailing when he wants to sell. If he raises them at a loss he will know it, and again it is a great help in showing him which crop pays best on his farm, so that he can grow more of what is adapted to his soil and climate and is most profitable.

Any cheap memorandum book will answer the purpose, but an indexed ledger is better. Then plant your farm, and name or number the fields, stating how many acres each contains. When you begin farm operations in the spring, charge the field with all labor at a given price for hand and team, a given price for hand where team is not used, also all seed grain at what it is worth at the time as seed, and lastly, charge the field with a certain amount of rent or interest on investment. Don't forget to keep dates for all these charges, for they are a wonderful satisfaction in after years. When you gather the crop give credit for the product in bushels or tons, and at the end of the year it is an easy matter to determine the exact cost of each product. When once accustomed to keeping such accounts, the desire to continue them will grow. Try it the coming.

One grave mistake made by many dairymen is to feed out the poorest of everything that they have at the beginning of the winter, and save the best till the last. I say feed the best first if there is any best, and the cows will remain profitable enough so that you can afford to supplement their poorer feedings of spring with better rations. Cows due to calve late in March can be profitably milked till February, and under a first-class diet during this prolonged lacteal period they are really in better vigor for the parturient ordeal than if they had remained dry. Don't force milch cows out of a warm stable two or three times a day to drink water of an icy temperature. They will shake their heads in protest and swallow only about half what their system need for the elaboration of milk. It is a dead loss in milk yield all winter to water them in this too common style. One of the best plans I ever knew was the bringing of running water into the stable, which was there maintained at a temperature of about 45. Whatever be your plan of watering, the icy chill should be taken off, and the cattle have a chance to drink sheltered from cold winds. In this way the cows will drink copiously in winter, which will add materially to their milk flow. We repeat, however, that ventilation, sunshine and exercise are necessary to keep cows in the best of health.

One way to save money.—During the winter many conveniences and necessary farm tools and implements may be made in the workhouse. Hayracks, wagon beds, swing gates, watertroughs and tanks, tool racks, stalk rakes, chicken coops, shipping crates, and berry boxes are simple in construction. Any bright farmer, with the assistance of a blacksmith, can make all of these and more. The expense will be much less than if bought in town or hired made. The tools which every well-regulated farm ought to possess will answer. We have in mind a young farmer who does all this kind of work, and he is prospering in spite of hard times, cheap products, etc. He raises as much grain and stock as his neighbors who buy everything "ready" made, and has much more "ready" cash. Try your hand at it when the weather prevents outside work. Many kitchen things are also easily made.

WINTER EGG PRODUCTION.

In order to have eggs in winter, the ordinary grain feed must be supplemented with animal and vegetable matter. Hens of any breed will consume a great deal of food before they commence to lay; then they will not need so much. When laying, the desire for grain is largely replaced by a craving for animal and vegetable feed and eggshell material, such as old plaster, oyster shells, etc. Do not conclude that the more feed the more eggs. Too much forcing is not advisable. It is difficult too feed highly for eggs without making some of the hens too fat. A fat hen soon becomes broody. The number of eggs a hen will lay before she begins to sit depend upon her condition when laying.

A laying fowl requires animal food, either food, cooked or raw, to supply the albumen in the egg. A pound a day is sufficient for a dozen hens. Any kind of meat will do—rabbits, squirrels, etc, are excellent. Feed regularly. A soft, warm mess must be given in the morning. Feed whole grain at noon and in the evening. A very little grain scattered in some clean litter, to keep the hens busy scratching, will suffice at noon, but a full meal should be given at night. Fowls go onto the roost early in the evening and remain until daylight, and this long fast demands a good, substantial meal. Wheat is an excellent egg-producing grain, and is a good noonday died. Oats are good if the hens have plenty of sharp grit within reach. As the weather grows colder, more corn may be given. Always feed old corn if it is obtainable. New is apt to cause a looseness of the bowels. Sweet milk is a complete ration for egg production, and should be given daily. Buckwheat once a week is good for laying hens. If they refuse to eat it alone, mix with other grain.

Eggs are flavored by the food on which the hens feed. Those fed on putrid meats, decayed vegetables, and from a dirty surface, will lay eggs not fit to eat. Very often eggs condemned as stale are not so old as we think. The musty, unpleasant odor and flavor come from inferior food. To produce well-flavored eggs, the hens must have clean food. The feed trough and litter in which grain is scattered must be clean. The drinking vessel should be scalded twice a week with boiling water. Pure water must kept before the hens all the time. It is surprising how much a flock will drink in a day. Being one of the principal substance in an egg, laying hens crave it.

The henhouse should be warm and dry. Heat from the sun's rays is sufficent. The hens have a heavier coating of feathers in winter, and are thus prepared by nature for changes. If the house is free from dampness and is built reasonably warm, the hens will not suffer. The early molting hens and the early hatched pullets will be the winter layers. To recapitulate, a warm, dry house, exercise, clean food, pure water, sharp grit, and cleanliness will increase the egg production and give healthy fowls the year around.

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Our Woman's .....Column

NATIONAL ETIQUETTE.

One of the most enjoyable things in travel is to notice how etiquette varies from land to land. In America, when a steamer leaves, the men shake hands, and the women kiss each other and sometimes cry. In France and Italy especially the women weep, while the men kiss and hug each other almost as vigorously as if they were in a wrestling match. An American women shakes with a man of her acquaintance, while in Spain she always gives her hand to be kissed. It makes the same sensation in Madrid for a man to seize a woman's hand and shake it as it does in New York for a foreigner to seize a New York woman's hand and kiss it.

In America it is rare for wine or beer to be seen on the table at a woman's luncheon or dinner party. In Europe, not to have these would be considered the height of discourtesy. Among the Western nations, to offer a visitor a cup of tea is to invite him to prolong the visit. Among the Eastern nations it is the conventional intimation that it is time for him or her to go. An American man removes his hat while talking to a woman, while the "cad" keeps it carefully perched upon his ear. In China a native man would sooner lose his hand than be seen without his hat on when in company, while the ruffian takes it off as a mark of disrespect.

We put on our best shoes when our friends call or when we call upon our friends. In Japan a woman takes off her shoes at the threshold and makes her call in her stockinged feet upon her hostess, who is similary attired.

Among the Anglo-Saxons the most cordial invitation is "help yourself and be at home." This, in the tropical lands, is very bad form. You express the same pleasant thought there by saying, "My servants are yours, and that one" (pointing out the best one) "is your boy whenever you are here."

In Western lands every guest has his or her own knife. In Eastern lands, to give a guest a knife is an insult, etiquette demanding that the labor of cutting be done by the cook and not by the guest. In America a women will not expose her ankles to view, while an Arabian woman never thinks of her lower extremities, but regards exposure of the face as a positive crime.

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Millicent W. Shinn, in the *Century*: I have no doubt that the remaining cause of the low marriage rate is that many men dislike intellectual women—whether because such women are really disagreeable or because man's taste is at fault, I shall not try to determine. And even among those who like them as friends, many feel as the young man did who made this confession:

"I never expected to marry the sort of girl I did. You know I always believed in intellectual equality and all that, and had good friendships with the college girls. But you see you girls hadn't any illusions about us. After you had seen us hanging at the door on problems you could work, and had taken the same degrees yourselves, you couldn't imagine us wonders because we had gone through college; and when I met a dear girl that thought I knew everything—why it just keeled me right over; it was a feeling I had no idea of."

And the college woman answered:

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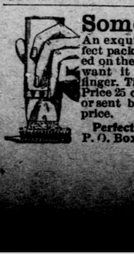

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Philadelphia	11 16	‖7 25	‖10 20	‖2 02	‖3 46	‖5:50
Baltimore	6.45	6 25	8 50	12 05	3.00	5:27
Wilmington	12 01	8 13	11.03	2 50	4 27	6:58
Farnhurst		f 8 22		f 2 58		f 4 18
New Castle		8 27		f 3 03		7:06
State Road		f8 33		f 3.08		f7:11
Bear		f8 38		f 3.13		7:16
Porter		8 45			4 51	7:23
Kirkwood		8 50	a11 33	f 3.22		7:28
Mt. Pleasant		8.59		f 3.31		f7:36
Armstrong		f 9 03				7:40
Middletown	12.44	9 08	11 49	3.40	5 16	7:46
Townsend		9 17		f 3.48	5.25	7:54
Blackbird		f 9 22		f 3.52		f7:59
Gr'n Spring		f 9.27		f 3.58		f8:05
Clayton	1 02	9 33	12 06	4 05	5 37	8:10
Smyrna, LV		9 23	11.56	3.52	5 27	8:00
Brenford		f9.38		f 4.10		f8:15
Cheswold		f9.43		f 4.15		f8:21
Dupont				f 4.18		
Dover	1 20	9.54	12.22	4 25	5 56	8:31
Wyoming	a 1.27	10.01	f12 28	4 31	6.02	8:37
Woodside		f10 08		f 4 37		
Viola		f10.12		f 4.41		
Felton	a 1 40	10 17	f12 39	4.46	6.14	
Harrington	1.50	10 32	12.53	5.02	6.24	
Farmington		f10 40	a 1.00		f 6.32	
Greenwood		f10.48	a 1.07		f 6.40	
Bridgeville	a 2 14	10.56	f 1.15		6.49	
Cannons		f11 01			f 6.54	
Seaford	2.26	11 11	1 26		7 02	
Laurel	a 2.38	11 22	f 1 36		7.13	
Delmar	2.50	11.32	1 46		7.24	
	a m.	a. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.

NORTHWARD.

	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. P. M.	PAS P. M.
Delmar	‖1.08			‖8 05	‖2 26	‖3 45
Laurel	f 1.21			8.15	2.36	3 56
Seaford	1.34			8 29	f 2 46	4 10
Cannons				f 8 37		f 4 18
Bridgeville	p 1.48			8 43	f 2 58	4.25
Greenwood				f 8.51		f 4 33
Farmington				f 8 59		f 4:41
Harrington	2.22		‖8.05	9 13	3.20	4:52
Felton	2.32		8.14	9 22	‖3.30	5:01
Viola			‖8.18	f 9 27		f 5:05
Woodside			‖8 22	f 9 31		f 5:9
Wyoming	2:44	‖7 00	‖8 29	9 38	‖3 41	5:16
Dover	2.50	7 05	8.35	9 45	3 47	5:23
Dupont		‖7 10				
Cheswold		‖7 16		f 9.57		f 5:32
Brenford		f7.21		‖10 02		f 5:36
Smyrna, LV		7.16	8 42	9 58	3.52	5:27
Clayton	3.06	7 26	8.52	10 08	4.02	5:41
Gr'n Spring		f7.30				f 5:46
Blackbird		f7.36		f10.17		f 5:52
Townsend		7 41	9 06	‖10 22	4.15	5:57
Middletown	3.29	7.